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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
(X) continuation application of:
() divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/507,851 filed 02/22/2000

Title APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHARING OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW COMPARE HARDWARE IN
A FLOATING-POINT MULTIPLY ACCUMULATE (FMAC) OR FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNI

Name of applicant(s) Stephen L. Bass

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

() Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
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() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.
Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

—This is a (X) continuation () divisional
of copending application number 09/507,851 filed on 02/22/2000,
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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